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Team tackles safety

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

As student and faculty look on, the Crisis Management Team discuss how to deal with an unknown death in the University Village.

Mock crisis inspires change of emergency notifications

Patricia Mathias
Staff Writer

PUC's Crisis Management Team held a fishbowl exercise as part of emergency preparedness week last Tuesday in Alumni Hall.

The exercise was based on tabletop exercises the team practiced for the past 18 months. They were given realistic emergencies to solve during the fishbowl exercise. Fishbowl describes the team's central position with an audience looking on.

On Tuesday, the team demonstrated an exercise in front of an audience to receive feedback on their performance.

The scenario was a power outage similar to the one PUC experienced this August. The simulated outage, which occurred on the north end of campus, was caused by heavy rains.

The crises had students trapped in an elevator, unknown injuries in an ANDR lab, people evacuated to the first floors of their buildings, a person in a wheelchair needing assistance and the PUC website system down so notifications of class cancellations could not reach students.

The team ensured students, faculty and staff were informed of the situation over the announcement system every 15 minutes. This announcement system is located inside and outside of all buildings.

The fire department was called to help free trapped people in the elevator and assistance was sent to the person in the wheelchair. The decision to cancel classes was made last. By then the team realized the Web site was inaccessible to post cancellations, but would be announced by TV and radio.

Chancellor Howard Cohen discussed the possibility of using text messaging as a way to inform the students in the case of an emergency. The problem with using text messages is students need to sign up to receive notification, Cohen said.

Cohen said the team learned from the August power outage. In this scenario, they needed generators to provide lighting for extended time periods and power Potter to be able to post things on the web site. Generators will be installed on campus by April 2008 in case the power is lost again.

Situation draws student crowd at UV during simulation

Anthony Franklin
Chronicle Correspondent

The second fishbowl exercise took place in the University Village on Sept. 19.

The fishbowl exercise gave students, resident assistants and staff the opportunity to apply new ideas and challenge the principles of the Crisis Management Team.

The main topic applied at the meeting was how to deal with an unknown death of a Chinese woman at the UV.

Chancellor Howard Cohen introduced simulated emergency situations about the unknown death to the team and each member discussed their react to the situation based on position and principle.

"We want to identify something as a crisis, get together, and figure out what we are going to do," Cohen said.

Communication and how to properly use it was the central aspect of the meeting. The team discussed various situations including how to react to the first sighting of the woman.

The team agreed the person who found the body should immediately contact the senior staff on duty at the dorm. The senior staff then sends an RA to monitor the dead body until higher authorities come. The senior staff would contact Lawshe Hall and then the Lake County Coroner. The roommates would be evacuated and no one would be allowed to go inside the dorm.

University Police Chief Stephen Chaddock gave feedback on crime investigation and the Lake County Coroner. The coroner declares the death of an individual(s)—accidental, unknown or homicidal—and notifies the individual's family. The information can be given out to the media regarding the incident, while keeping personal information confidential, Chaddock said.

Some of the audience members commented on other situations.

One student gave an idea about identification. The student said a good way to discover who the dead person is would be to look at the roster system consisting of pictures and information of students in the UV.

Another audience member

See Fishbowl page 3

SJC supports Jena 6

Brian Bultema
Assistant News Editor

The PUC Social Justice Club visited Jena, La. last week to offer support for the six black teenagers arrested in the beating of a white schoolmate last year. The teenagers, known as the Jena 6, recently drawn support from people and organizations from around the country.

Although the primary demonstration occurred on Sept. 20, the SJC traveled to Jena from Sept. 14 to Sept. 16 to see the town of Jena and talk with individuals involved in the situation.

The Jena 6 are part of a court case that began in December 2006 when they were accused of beating a white schoolmate. A local prosecutor accused the six teenagers of attempted murder, but only one student, Mychal Bell, was charged. The court convicted Bell of aggravated battery and conspiracy on what many feel is little more than a schoolyard fight.

"This is about more than one town in Louisiana. There are Jena 6's all over America."

-Akili Shakur
SJC faculty advisor

The beating of the white schoolmate was preceded by a series of racially charged actions that included the hanging of three nooses from a tree in the Jena High School courtyard, after a black student sat under the tree many felt was for white students only.

Akili Shakur, a faculty adviser for the SJC, said the situation is about more than three nooses and students from PUC need to see the racism and segregation still present. "Racism still exists," said Shakur. "This is about more than one town in Louisiana. There are Jena 6's all over America."

The 16 students spent two days exploring Jena and discussed the situation with townspeople to get their perspectives.

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Heavy Metal Stage (on Parking Garage roof)

- 4:00 – 5:00 "Show the White Feather"
- 5:15 – 6:15 "Seconds till Impact"
- 6:30 – 7:45 "Beyond Words"

Tom Lounges from Xrock 103.9 will emcee this stage and bring the 103.9 van

Pop / Rock Stage (west wall of Porter)

- 4:00 – 4:45 Shelly Kooi
- 5:00 – 5:45 "Less then Eleven"
- 6:00 – 7:30 "Rare Groove" (to confirm)

Classical Piano Stage

- 4:00 – 4:20 Barb Henning/Purdue Calumet Vocal
- 4:25 – 4:35 Chu Lei Wang (piano solo)
- 4:40 – 5:30 David Boban and Ashley Post (duo)
- 5:35 – 6:00 Sophia Blakely (Piano solos)
- 6:05 – 6:15 Lisa Kovacs (piano solos)
- 6:20 – 7:40 Meredith Gozo/Joshua (piano duo with bass & guitar)

Street Performers include:

- The Williams Brothers
- Face painter

Cultural Crafts by students include:

- Henna Hand-painting
- Chinese Lettering

Student projects area:

- Several displays on south end of Gyte / under portico (tbd)

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Operation Night Café
The event will be held Sept. 24 in the CLO Concourse from 4 p.m to 6:30 p.m. There will be free lemonade and coffee available for students. There will also be information on upcoming events and student activities offered on campus. For more information contact Student Activities at 989-2369.

The Ultimate Road Trip
The event will be held Sept. 26 in the SUL Concourse from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. It will be an interactive presentation designed to help students succeed in college and after college. For more information about this event contact New Student Orientation at 989-4160.

Get Hooked, Get to the Source
Student Activities is sponsoring an informational session on events and student activities offered on campus. Student Activities will also provide free "turtle apples" for attending students. The event will be held on Sept. 27 in the SUL Concourse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact Student Activities at 989-2369.

Thursday Student Spotlight
The event will be held Sept. 27 in the Calumet Falls TV room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students will be able to showcase their talents at this open-mic night. For more information contact Student Activities at (219) 989-2369.

Student organizations fair
A student organization fair will be held in the University Village on Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students will be able to network, apply and find information about student organizations on campus. For more information contact Student Activities at 989-2369.

Trip to County Line Orchard
Student Activities is sponsoring a trip to County Line Orchard on Oct. 7. A bus will depart PUC at 11 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. The cost of the trip is $10 for staff and students and will be refunded when participants board the bus. The registration deadline is Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. For more information contact Student Activities at (219) 989-2369.

Voter registration
Students can register to vote next week on campus. Registration will be held on Sept. 24 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the CLO Concourse and on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in SUL Concourse.

Backpacks to Briefcases
The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an event called "Backpacks to Briefcases." The event is on Sept. 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in SUL 317. Students will receive instruction on resumes and cover letters. For more information contact the Office of Career Services at 989-2600.

Pep band
Student Activities and New Student Orientation are looking for any students interested in forming a pep band. For more information, go to SUL 104B or call 989-2369 or 989-4160.

CIA visit
The CIA will be on campus on Sept. 25. A table will be set up in the SUL Concourse offering information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. An information session will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in SUL 321.

Chancellor's Reading Circle
The chancellor's reading circle will be held on Oct. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students interested in attending may register in SUL 104-B.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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Karaoke and cake

Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

Loud singing and roars of applause echoed from the outside entrance of the REC Center Saturday. The noise wasn't coming from a dance or basketball game, but from the annual celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The festival, sponsored by the Chinese Student Association, helped spread awareness about the Chinese culture to PUC students.

Chinese students frequented the karaoke machines throughout the night, guided in performance by the "boos and woos" from audience members. Sports tournaments, like ping pong, and board games were among the night's activities.

Chenn Qian Zhou, professor and department head of mechanical engineering, said the festival first started last year because most newer Chinese students felt homesick. The festival is similar to Thanksgiving — where families get together, tell stories and spend time catching up, Zhou said.

The festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month by the Chinese Lunar Calendar, according to chinapage.com.

It celebrates the legend of the moon goddess, Chang-O. According to moonfestival.com, on the 15th day of the full moon, Chang-O's husband comes to visit her, making the moon illuminate and fill the sky with its light.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson
Students play a game at Mid-Autumn Festival.

Cindy Torres, a guest lecturer in the foreign language department, said the International Mentor Program helped out with planning the event.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said the event gave him fond memories of his trip to China last year. He said he was excited to celebrate by eating a traditional festival food called mooncake.

Mooncake, a circular pastry that can be filled with a variety of fillings, is eaten with family and friends to celebrate the festive occasion, according to c-c-c.org.

Katherine Walker, a junior majoring in English education, works as an international mentor.

Since the festival invite was extended to the outside community, she was hoping more non-Asian students would attend, so students would have more interaction with the community.

She said she wishes to see the American and Chinese cultures come together and exchange traditions and customs.

"I'm happy the CSA took this initiative for incoming students, because for most of them it is their first time being away from home," Walker said.

Walker said it was nice to see students having fun and interacting, especially outside of the dorms.

UV evacuated

Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief

Fire alarms blared as students evacuated the University Village Wednesday morning.

A small kitchen fire set off smoke detectors at 10 a.m. in the west wing of the third floor after a student allegedly tried cooking shrimp.

No injuries or damages were reported.

"Things got a little out of hand," Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement Wes Lukoshus said of the incident.

A "significant amount of smoke" caused residents to awaken, including UV resident Cherron Sims.

Sims, a junior majoring in psychology, said she was sleeping when the fire alarm sounded. Her first thought was staying in bed, assuming it was a surprise fire drill scheduled for the following day.

"I was like, 'well, I guess I'll go outside,'" Sims said, adding that many residents planned to sleep through the drill. "Well, it's a good thing that I got up and went out."

Residents received an all-clear to return to their dorms at 10:42 a.m.

"Thank God nothing happened ... and that it was just a kitchen fire," Resident Assistant Jasmine Guy said.

Fishbowl

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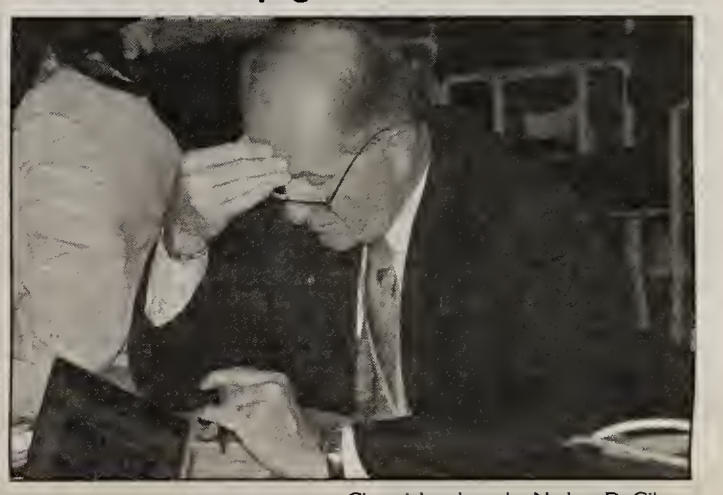

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Wes Lukoshus thinks about the given scenario.

commented on the discussion about faculty members talking with the Chinese woman's parents, who do not speak proper English.

She said it's a good idea having an older person to talk to the parents because it may be difficult for a younger, less mature, faculty member to do it.

Another audience member had a suggestion about the evacuation of the dead body. The audience member said it would be best to use one of the back doors to transfer the dead body outside so there will be a better chance of students not noticing what's going on and possibly being traumatized.

"These monthly tabletop exercises are always learning experiences for each of us on the Crisis Management Team." said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor, who will transfer messages to the Crisis Management Team. "While we hope never to have to convene to deal with a real campus emergency, we use these exercises to practice and prepare ourselves for an actual campus crisis."

For more information visit
www.calumet.purdue.edu/emergency

Jena Six

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Several students were able to meet the parents of the boys involved in the situation, and visit the courthouse and the high school.

Kim McGee, a SJC member, said she noticed the quietness and normalcy of the town. She said the media exaggerated the situation to make it seem like the town was falling apart, though she said segregation is clearly evident.

McGee also said the ability to talk to those involved and get a firsthand account was a valuable experience for each student.

Mike Vega, founder and member of the SJC, said the organization had been planning the trip to Jena since mid-summer.

"The Social Justice Club believes firmly in solidarity," said Vega. "We wanted to expose students on campus to a different world."

Shakur said she sees the same racism present in Jena, just as apparent in the Region. The Jena situation is not an isolated incident like many people think, she said.

"I don't see enough people at Purdue Calumet that come out of their comfort zone," said Shakur. "When it comes down to it, the Region is just as divided as Jena."

The SJC set up tables and sold t-shirts supporting the Jena 6 last week. The t-shirts could be seen all over campus on students. The shirts cost $10.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Introducing Office 2007

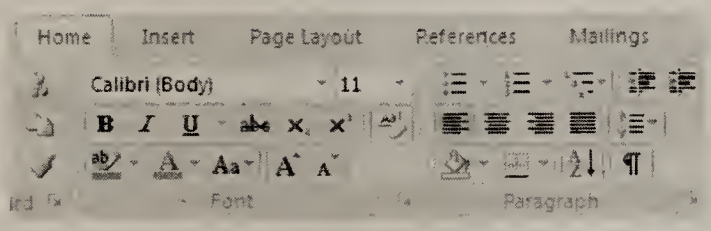
As you may have noticed, the student computer labs on campus have been updated to Office 2007. Faculty and Staff offices are currently being planned to be updated to Office 2007 beginning late this semester and completed by summer 2008.

The new version of Microsoft Office has a dramatically different interface that can be a challenge to acquaint yourself with. Gone are the file menus of the pervious version and in their place are a set of blue tabs and a multi-colored orb. Today we will cover the most obvious of the

The Office Button

This orb replaces the file menu of the previous versions of word. It contains a number of functions and allows access to the following basic commands:

- New
- Open
- Save
- Print
- Close
- Quit



The Ribbon

The ribbon is the new more graphical menu used by the new Office Suite. The above example is from Word, but the appearance is fairly standard throughout Officc 2007, only the options change. This replaces the toolbars and menus of the previous versions of Office. Options are grouped into tabs by category and into further subcategories on the individual ribbons.

If you need further assistance navigating this new software, contact the assistant in your lab. Alternatively anyone can contact the CTIS Customer Service Center at 989-2888 option 2.

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A place to explore

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

The Challenger Learning Center is used to stimulate people's interest and educate them about space.

Joesph Lesney
Chronicle Correspondet

As a child looks up into the night's sky, there is a natural curiosity to explore and unravel the universe. The Challenger Learning Center provides a chance to expand and educate on the skies above.

The Challenger Program is dedicated to the education of space travel and exploration in memory of the Challenger shuttle disaster.

They hold a nonprofit contract with the university to conduct tours and simulated missions with academic groups. This program is worldwide and has locations in England and Korea.

There are three educational *programs offered by appointment.*

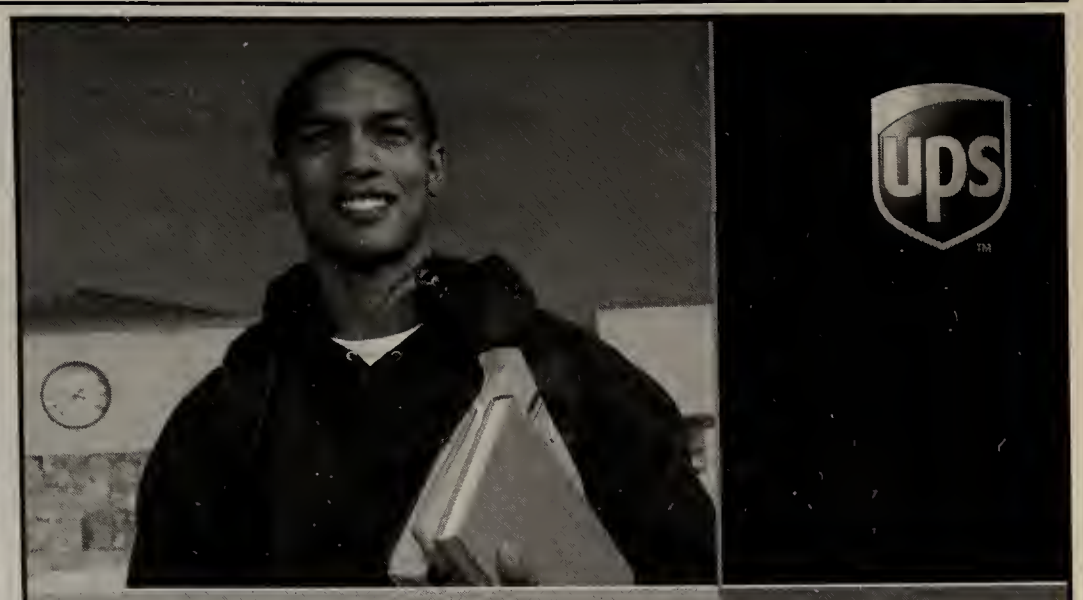
Sky Voyage, grades second through fourth, explores the night sky and explains locations of the constellations and their significance. Astro Simulation, grades fifth and up, splits the class in two and has one group act as mission control and the other crew of a space station.

Together they run three missions, one to the moon, one to mars and the other a rendezvous with a comet. The last is Operation Montserrat, grades seventh to 10th, where the class organizes the evacuation of an island during a natural disaster.

Jan Olesek, lead flight director, said the flight missions rely heavily on team building skills and grade school isn't the only level of academia taking advantage of this opportunity. Many classes from the school of business use the Astro Simulator program to build communication and teamwork skills.

Jennifer Daake, Administration Assistance, said the simulation challenges college students as well as grade school students.

To schedule a paid tour contact 989-3250. More information visit www.clcnwi.com.



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Too much road work in the Region

Mike Schaefer
Production Manager

Who signed the bill for the entire land mass of Northwest Indiana to be under road construction?

Seriously.

Coming northbound to get here from Lowell went from a 40 minute drive last semester to about an hour and fifteen minutes on a good day.

With my infinite knowledge and as a favor to the great state of Indiana, I've come up with a few tips for what the state can do to make basic mobility tolerable around the Region.

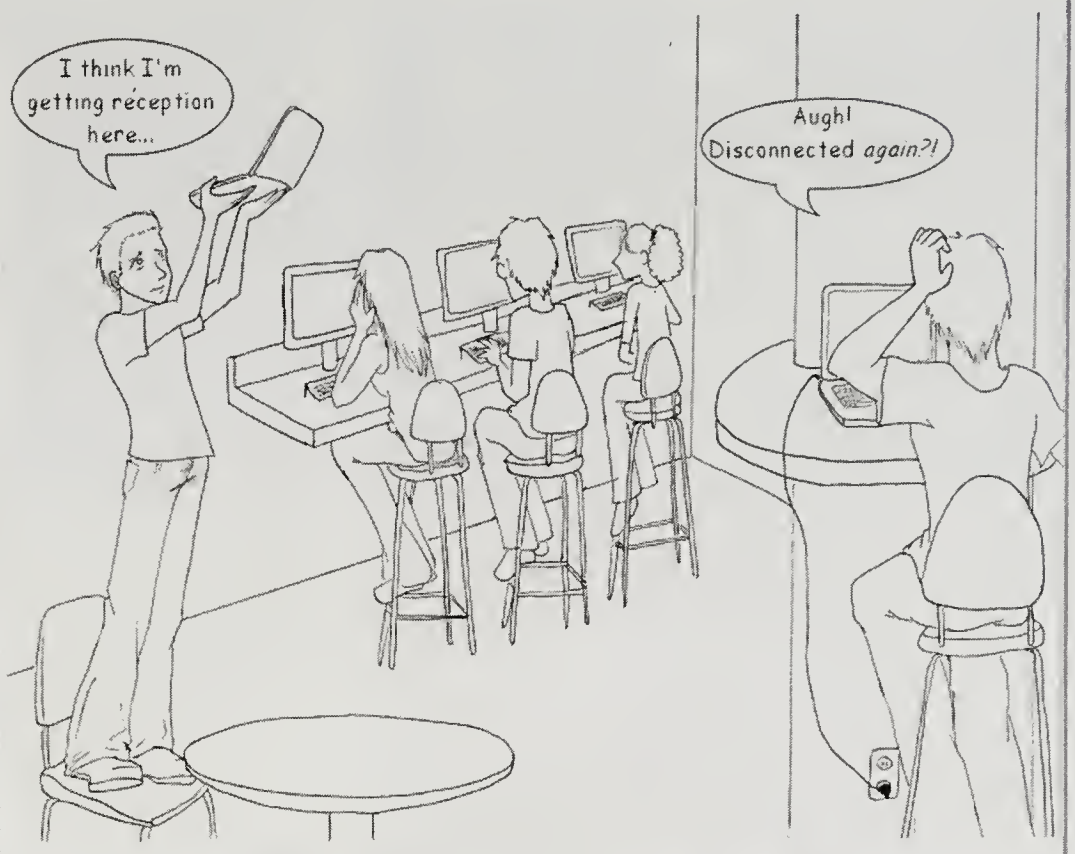
* Please post. Put more postings at least 3-5 miles before an actual construction zone. On Indianapolis going north right before I hit 80/94, it took me an extra 20 minutes to get through this massive bottleneck that could have been prevented by going 30 seconds out of my way if I were forewarned. Every day there's a different route to drive through there. I can understand why, but why inform us at the last minute? This leads me to my next point.

* Be consistent. I was driving behind a van going north on Indianapolis and couldn't see a thing in front of me until the van merged violently and left me to sit for seven and a half minutes (yes, I counted) until a good samaritan finally let me over. I feel like I'm playing Snakes and Ladders every time I come to school, or gambling with Satan himself.

* Take drivers into consideration. Why on earth would anyone do construction on major areas to the point where you can't efficiently take Indianapolis or I-65 without finding some alternate route? The only way of knowing the route is after you get stuck in the middle of rush hour on an exit because nothing told you "Hey, I wouldn't recommend going this way."

* Fix the right roads. My personal favorite thing is I can remember Indianapolis being a decent road (I can't recall since construction has ensued for approximately five years, give or take a decade) and bottom out my car on Main Steet (between Indianpolis and Kennedy) going over potholes that my grandmother bottomed out her car on.

I truly feel sorry for out-of-towners who have to deal with this ridiculousness. If nothing else is done, at least put an arch at the gates of the Region with the engraving 'Lasciate ogne speranza, voi ch'intrate' (abandon all hope ye who enter here).



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CalNet lacks coverage, signal

The issue: Wireless network

Our opinion: Provide more working accessibility

CalNet, PUC's wireless network, was created to give all students the luxury of connecting to the Internet from their own computers.

Although creating the wireless connection began in 2004 is notable, there should be more coverage available on campus.

Many PUC students carry laptops to class. Some take notes during lectures while others do homework or play games on their computers during breaks.

It's both easy and convenient to have your own laptop – equipped with personal settings and all – that you can pull out any minute of the day.

Looking at the coverage maps listed online, CalNet is available everywhere with the exception of Lawshe, the second floor in CLO and the first floor of Potter.

There is even some coverage outdoors, as well as both the Academic Learning Center and Calumet Conference Center buildings.

The only problem is that CalNet does not always work where it is supposed to.

When looking at the maps, there is a big difference between the strongest signals and the weakest ones. Many floors and buildings barely have any "strong" signals regardless of where the access points are.

The computers must be in range of an access point, it seems almost impossible to connect to CalNet when on the third floor of SUL or even on the first floor of Gyte.

It's worse when a student needs to carry their laptop around Calumet Falls in order to pick up a signal, or when the signal stops and the server goes down right when in the middle of something important.

The accessibility of PUC's wireless network is becoming even more desirable because it is becoming increasingly harder to find an open computer on campus.

The recent division of the Powers lab has limited the amount of computers open to students not in classes. Although there are other labs and lounges with computers around campus, they have a tendency to be full, loud or complete with no available Internet access.

All students are required to pay a technology fee along with their tuition. It can run anywhere between $20 and $110 depending on how many classes a student is taking during a semester.

Since every student pays the technology fee – whether they own a laptop or not – shouldn't the equipment be top-notch?

Even if it means the university needs to put more access points into its wireless network, CalNet should be accessible and available in all areas it is supposed to work.

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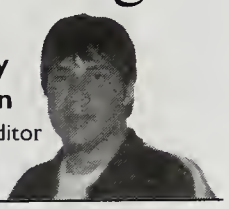
Don't tease your younger siblings

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor



We've all done it.

If you have a younger sibling, you've teased them at one point or another. It's fun, it's amusing but it's wrong. As fun as it may be, teasing your younger brother or sister until they are in tears sometimes goes too far.

I have a 9-year old brother and I tease him every single day. I antagonize him sometimes for no reason just for a laugh. It's horrible of me to do that.

I recently pulled a prank on my brother I thought was hilarious at first. He had a waterfall of tears streaming down his face and I thought that was hilarious too.

We were at a restaurant and he had his Nintendo DS with him. When we got up to leave, I took it when he wasn't looking and put it in my pocket. He didn't notice until we got outside to the car that he was missing it. I told him to run in and see if he left it at the table while I sat in the car and laughed.

He came out from the restaurant in tears with fear he lost it. I finally handed it to him and laughed uncontrollably. He sat in the backseat on the ride home and cried. I still continued to laugh.

It wasn't until my mom said something to me when I realized how cruel what I did was.

I apologized to him countless times since then. He said it was OK, but I know it still bothers him. Everything I do to him, he remembers.

It got me thinking of all the things I do to irritate my brother, whether it is big or small. As much as I love the kid, I'm mean to him. I do these things without even taking into account how it will make him feel. I laugh at the angry faces he makes at me and temper tantrums he throws, but what he may feel inside I never think about.

We may think it's funny now to tease our younger siblings, but as they get older there will be bitterness towards us.

They will remember all the things from when they were younger and hold them against you. Your relationship with your siblings in the future depends on how you treated them as a child.

Sure it's funny now, but as they get older they may grow a strong hatred. Don't tease them, set an example for them.

I know I can be a better brother and a more mature one. I'm the one my brother looks up to and sets an example for. I love my brother too much to do those things to him.

Constant teasing can cause serious emotional damage. Your sibling could end up hating you for the teasing you did to them.

I don't want that to happen between my brother and I.

Iced Coffee Taste Test

Burger King's Mocha BK Joe

Jeremy - I'm pretty sure this tastes like a milk shake. (3/5)
Nathyn - People who hate coffee would even like this. It's delightfully creamy. (4/5)
Mike - It's smooth, creamy and light, with a frothy texture. (4/5)
Jess - It has a lot of flavor. There is a definite mocha taste to it, but lacks coffee. (3/5)
Linda - It's delicious and smooth, tastes like milk with a little coffee added. (5/5)
Isabel - It's not that bad. It's creamy and smooth with a zing of coffee aftertaste. (4/5)
Caitlin - So delicious! I would freeze this into ice cream, pour chocolate syrup on the top and it would be spectacular. (5/5)

Overall rating:

Dunkin Donuts French Vanilla Iced Coffee - Cream and sugar

Jeremy - Horrible. (0/5)
Nathyn - It tastes like someone put a few coffee beans and water in a blender and pressed mix. (0/5)
Mike - If I were drinking this on the road, I'd purposely veer into oncoming traffic. (1/5)
Jess - It is watered down and has absolutely no taste. (1/5)
Linda - It tastes too much like plain coffee that was left out in the middle of winter. (1/5)
Isabel - It tastes too watered down. It smells good though. (2/5)
Caitlin - It has a smooth and light taste that isn't over powering. (4/5)

Overall rating:

McDonalds Regular Premium Roast Iced Coffee

Jeremy - Sucks. It is plain tasting and lacks sugar. The vanilla is better.(2/5)
Nathyn - It tastes rather bland. (2/5)
Mike - I second "sucks." (1/5)
Jess - It lacks sugar and has a bad aftertaste. (2/5)
Linda - It tastes like coffee with a lot of sugar. (3/5)
Isabel - Bleh. Too bland. Too strong. They should option a flavor shot. (1/5)
Caitlin - I actually wanted to spit this back into the cup. So sour – I can't even think about it without feeling gross. (1/5)

Overall rating:

Panera Bread's Iced Coffee - No cream and sugar

Jeremy - It tastes like burnt hair and makes me want to rip off my taste buds. (0/5)
Nathyn - It's really strong! (1/5)
Mike - Save money by refrigerating a pot of straight coffee. It might taste better too. (1/5)
Jess - It definitely needs cream and sugar, but it has potential. (3/5)
Linda - It's extremely strong, but not as bad as I expected it to be. (3/5)
Isabel - Horrible stuff. Don't bother to try it. A few dozen packets of sugar might cure it. (0/5)
Caitlin - There are no tricks here; they must have literally poured the coffee on top of ice. (3/5)

Overall rating:

Seattle's Best Coffee from Borders - Ice brewed with milk and caramel

Jeremy - I'm speechless – curdled milk? (1/5)
Nathyn - It's probably ¾ milk. You could put this in a bowl of cereal and not tell the difference. (2/5)
Mike - Meh... (2/5)
Jess - I can taste both coffee and caramel. It's good. (4/5)
Linda - It's pretty good. The caramel makes it taste better. (4/5)
Isabel - I can barely taste the caramel, but it's not too strong like the rest. (4/5)
Caitlin - It's bitter tasting and doesn't taste like caramel. (2/5)

Overall rating:

Iced coffee has many possibilities

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

It's not unusual to drive down the highway and come across a billboard advertising the "c-c-c-c-c-cold coffee" of McDonalds or Burger King. These billboards shot up during the summer over the popular craze of iced coffee.

There was a time when one could only get iced coffee at specialty places such as Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks, but the fast food market recently closed in on the cool, refreshing coffee drinks.

When served black, iced coffee – like regular coffee – has antioxidants that boost immune systems. It has been known to improve liver disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes, according to supermarketguru.com.

Although coffee has the possibility of being healthful, most iced coffee bought from fast food chains or coffee houses do not have the benefits.

While a 16 ounce iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts – with no cream or sugar – has 15 calories and no fat or sugar, Burger King's mocha BK Joe has 380 calories, 10 grams of fat and 63 grams of sugar.

Even a 20 ounce iced mocha drink from Panera Bread contains 700 calories, 29 grams of fat and 81 grams of sugar.

Beyond the health issues, what makes good iced coffee?

For some it's the flavor of coffee, for others it is the little extra additives put in. No matter the case, there are a few tricks of the trade to enhance the taste when making it at home.

Try freezing coffee ahead of time to make iced cubes so the drink won't get watered down. Or, pour the iced drink in a cocktail shaker. By giving an extra shake, the drink will become frothy – just add a little whipped cream and enjoy.

According to the National Coffee Association, men and women between the ages of 18 and 24 drink more iced coffee on a daily basis than any other age group yet most people tend to stick with the traditional fresh brewed.

Grab a cup, add some toppings and enjoy the day.

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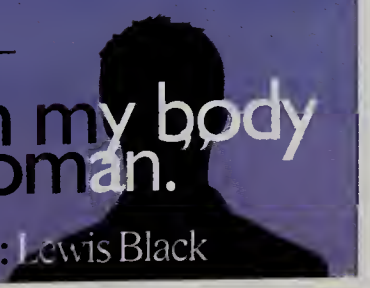
"I don't need plastic in my body to validate me as a woman."



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'Hello, Dolly!' shows audience energy

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

Director William Pullinsi's "Hello, Dolly!" – appearing at Theatre at the Center – provides energetic enchantment for theater enthusiasts this fall.

Set in 1890s New York, this production stars the exuberant Paula Scrofano as Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi, a matchmaker among other vocations, and best known as a professional meddler – who also happens to be a widow.

Dolly's current task is helping an unemployed artist, Ambrose Kemper (Jon Cunningham), marry overly emotional Ermengarde (lovely Audrey Billings), the niece of a half-millionaire proprietor in Yonkers, Horace Vandergelder (John Reeger, a natural in the role).

Vandergelder, a widower, is not ready for his niece to get married, not only because he is protective of the young woman, but because he would then be left without a woman around the house. Since he realizes her marriage is inevitable – though he has forbade Ambrose – he is seeking a new wife for himself.

In "It Takes a Woman" – one of many delightfully sung and brilliantly choreographed numbers throughout the performance – Vandergelder reminds audiences what a wife was important for in the 1890s, use as a housekeeper.

Vandergelder is not only strict with his famlly, but also with his employees. Head clerk Cornelius (Ed Kross) and helper Barnaby (Zach Zube, who excels at mousy) never have an evening off – and thusly make plans to take advantage of Vandergelder's trip to New York City to visit and likely propose to Irene Molloy (played by the delightful Cory Goodrich), by planning a trip of their own.

Dolly has other plans for Vandergelder that does not include Irene, but provides a chance at ending her professional meddling days by matching herself to the half-millionaire.

As Dolly escorts Ermengarde and Ambrose into the City, while Vandergelder heads off to see Irene, Cornelius and Barnaby are also on their adventure. Kross shows off his immense vocal talent in "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," in which the two young men declare they won't leave New York City "until we've kissed a girl."

The New York adventure is sometimes funny, sometimes heartwarming and always amusing.

Even those who find the premise a bit old-fashioned and corny may pleasure in the sheer aesthetic of the play – the ensemble is remarkable with perfect vocal harmony and flawless timing in the complicated dance numbers. William A. Underwood conducts a magnificent orchestra.

The minimal setting is maximized by perfect prop selections by Valerian Bajak. The costumes, provided by Costume World Theatrical and supervised by Paula Consdorf, are timely, lovely and vibrantly charming.

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"Hello, Dolly!" is appearing at Theatre at the Center through Oct. 21, and offers audiences both energy and a great performance. Above, Michael Crawford and Barbara Streisand dance in the 1969 movie.

There is also a brief but intense strobe light sequence during the performance.

"Hello, Dolly!" runs through Oct. 21. Performances are held Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., along with a few additional showings.

Ticket prices vary from $36 to $39, depending on the day and time, and can be purchased in person, by calling the box office at 219.836.3255 or online at theatreatthecenter.com.

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Ladies, wear it bold this season

Women's fall fashion is in, and full of vibrant, bold colors with extra flash

Olivia Castaneda
Chronicle Correspondent

Calling all "fashionistas."

Fall is here, but there's no need to panic over what to wear this season. It is almost the same as last fall's style according to Elle, Allure and Cosmopolitan Magazines.

Only this time fashion has an extra flash.

Fall's fashion is full of vibrant, bold colors lighting up the streets. Silver and gray are the colors of the moment.

Silver and gold put together is hot. Mix it up everywhere from jewelry to clothes to makeup. Be daring and wear bold.

Plaid made a comeback, and patent leather is the way to shine. Geometric shapes and rustic studs are also in clothing and accessories.

Beginning down south with footwear, flats and ankle boots are still in. Only this time, ankle boots have a platform. The wedged heel is still going strong, and platform heels are showing up everywhere, not just in boots.

Women have curves and so does the new heel. Go for the patent leather look. To make an outfit really pop, wear red or hot pink shoes.

Moving up, the pants of the season are wide-legged, although skinny jeans are still in. It may be getting cold outside, but short and pencil skirts as well as short dresses are a must. Pair them with black or gray tights.

Draped tops and oversized sweaters, paired with an oversized coat or mini jacket is très chic. This season's sweaters have a fuzzy texture to them. Now don't get too excited, but ruffled tops and puffy sleeves from the '80s have made a comeback as well.

That's right, tights with a short dress or skirt paired with a flowing top and a mini jacket is the way to go this season.

Geometric shapes and studs are the new decoration for jewelry and bags when it comes to accessories. Put the shiny diamonds in hibernation, this season's jewelry is all about black crystals.

The everyday bag is both duffel and tote with a sporty mix, and oversize clutches are a must.

Also, for those extra chilly nights, knitted hats are too cute.

And ladies, when sporting these trends, go bold and strut as if on the catwalk.

Things I can't get behind

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

On William Schatner's album "Has Been" (2004), he performs a duet with Henry Rollins called "I Can't Get Behind That" where they list trends and societal situations they disagree with. That song is the inspiration for this column.

Things I can't get behind:

1) Burger King restaurants that sell tacos. If I want a taco, I'll go to a Mexican food restaurant. If I want a fast food taco, I'll go to Taco Bell. If I'm at Burger King, it's because I want American food – I'm all for Burger King having the veggie burger option, because it's still a burger. But having tacos on the menu is just ridiculous.

2) Chicagoans who think people shouldn't put ketchup on hot dogs. Apparently, because the traditionally prepared "Chicago-style hot dog" doesn't have ketchup on it, no hot dog should. And they get angry about it – as though it's actually wrong to put ketchup on a hot dog. Ryan Manno, a Q101 DJ, has even had a debate about this on his radio show. It's a matter of personal preference, but I can't get behind people who try to dictate what other people put on their hot dogs.

3) The way small, independently owned movie theaters have become an endangered species. Megaplexes are running the small theaters out of business and leaving us corporate-run places that are completely devoid of personality.

4) People who think it's pretentious to drink wine. Yes, wine coolers are girly – I'll agree with that – but there's nothing pretentious (or girly) about a bottle of merlot you can buy for $6 at Meijer, right across from the beer.

5) Anyone who text messages while actively driving a car. I can understand a glance down at an incoming text when you're at a stop light, but either drive or text (or call the person on your hands-free phone, since everyone on the planet seems to have a Bluetooth headset these days anyway).

6) States and local ordinances that ban smoking in taverns. I can understand banning smoking in restaurants because a lot of people don't like to smell cigarette smoke while they're eating. A lot of people who drink smoke cigarettes and a lot of people who don't consider themselves "smokers" smoke when they drink.

'Kitchen Nightmares,' a true nightmare to watch

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer

Ever thought burning your dinner was bad? "Kitchen Nightmares" is far worse.

"Kitchen Nightmares" is a nightmare in itself, representing the worst of what is considered entertainment these days.

British chef extraordinaire Gordon Ramsay ("Hell's Kitchen") is on a mission to save restaurants one long, bleep-filled episode at a time.

"Nightmares" premiered Wednesday at 8 p.m., with Ramsay's first attempt at success with Peter's Italian Restaurant in Babylon, N.Y. Both the restaurant and co-owner/manager Peter are in desperate need of repair.

While food is undercooked and rotting, Peter's raw, revolting behavior and actions are the main course. Instead of investing in the business, Peter invests in himself.

The shows plot is a familiar one. Ramsay came, saw and conquered – at least for the duration of the hour-long program.

Kitchens, menus and attitudes are changed, but the complete turnaround is jammed into the last five minutes with an almost too-good-to-be-true ending.

Unfortunately for those who enjoy TV programs with thought and creativity put into them, "Nightmares" looks to become a staple on Fox considering "Hell's Kitchen" – which began in 2005 and set to return in 2008. The United Kingdom has been airing "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares" since 2004.

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Gordon Ramsay's "Kitchen Nightmares" premiered Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Fox, and represents the worst of TV entertainment.

"Nightmares" is proof people either enjoy watching grown men throw temper tantrums while tarnishing both their names and the family names, or cannot distinguish reality from highly staged programming.

How convenient it was that a bill collector showed up twice while the cameras were present both times to capture Peter flying off the handle. Then suddenly Peter has a change of heart after everything is fixed for him, without barely lifting a finger.

In addition to the horrible scenes, the constant "bleeping" noise is inescapable and obnoxious.

For those looking to watch real shows about cooking and food, the Food Network is full of such programming. "$40 a Day," "Unwrapped," "Paula's Party" and "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" are all interesting shows for those looking to leave a good taste in their mouths.

'Dethalbum,' every bit as brutal

Jeff Wozniak
Staff Writer

Sept. 25 marks the latest release from death metal gods Dethklok. The much-anticipated "Dethalbum" assaults the senses with a vicious onslaught of harsh, unrelenting metal.

With Nathan Explosion barking ferocious lyrics in his trademark style – reminiscent of a troll gargling with broken glass – William Murderface violates his bass into submission. Pickles the Drummer brutally pummels the skins while Scandinavian guitar virtuosos Skwisgaar Skwigelf and Toki Wartooth shred their guitars with obscene speed and dexterity – this is perhaps the most brutal album in the history of music.

Aptly named, "The Dethalbum" never ceases to exude an air of impending death, destruction or worse. Despite the constant attack of speed metal riffs and blast beats, Dethklok somehow manages to keep the album – and even the individual songs – engaging, avoiding the pitfall of trite, repetitive boredom so many other death metal bands have fallen prey to.

Heavy, driving passages are almost always accompanied by hauntingly melodic rhythm guitar riffs that conjure images of a melancholic organ, played from the deepest dungeon of a Dark Age castle.

One feels almost as though they've stepped into a brutal medieval church service, staffed by the criminally insane and featuring a choir of oppressed peasants, half-dead from the Plague.

In addition to the standard 16 track version, there is also a doubly destructive and brutal two disc deluxe release of "The Dethalbum," featuring seven additional tracks and the music video for "Bloodtrocuted." These bonus tracks include Dethklok's marketing jingle for Duncan Hills Coffee, the title song from their failed independent film release "Blood Ocean" and a rare blues track.

Aside from the songs "Dethwater," produced by Dick 'Magic Ears' Knubbler, and Emilie Autumn's violin work on "Dethharmonic," none of Dethklok's past collaborators are featured on the album. Especially conspicuous by his absence is hair rocker and good friend of Toki Wartooth, Dr. Rockso, the Rock 'n' Roll Clown.

"Hatredcopter" features a rare taste of the Axl Rose-esque vocals of drummer Pickles.

Dethklok is also planning a college campus tour with art rock band ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead. Though details are still limited, the tour is scheduled to start sometime after Oct. 1 and is guaranteed to be fraught with brutality.

To build or not to build

Sean Davis
Chronicle Correspondent

Computers have become a daily part of everyone's life whether you like it or not. They are in your car, your school, your house and your head.

Well, maybe not your head, but you get my point.

What about your computer? Can you use Office 2007? What about Windows Vista? Can you play newer computer games? Do you even have a computer?

There is a solution for your computer problems and it's a lot cheaper and simpler than you think.

You have a few options: spend too much money at Best Buy or dell.com, live in a cave and fear change, or use your money wisely and build your own computer.

I'm not saying you should physically buy every part and put it together (but if you would like to, you would save even more money). I am merely suggesting you browse over to a website such as cyberpowerinc.com or iBuypower.com.

These magnificent and easy-to-use websites let you choose parts you want while constantly adjusting the price to see exactly what you will be paying.

If you get confused at any point there are helpful little "?" buttons that will give you more information on the part in question, and an entire system summary is available either during or after (or both for cyberpowerinc.com) your configuration process.

Not only can you configure system parts, but you can even purchase accessories such as speakers, cameras, printers and more.

Customer reviews are easily viewable and actually helpful. Both websites offer excellent customer service and warranties to boot. Free shipping and 5 percent off your entire order can also be had if you purchase at the right time.

Is this too good to be true?

No.

It is impossible to order the wrong parts when you custom build this way. You just need to be careful and get the parts that will last. You may want to head over to tomshardware.com just to get the final word on some of the products you will be using.

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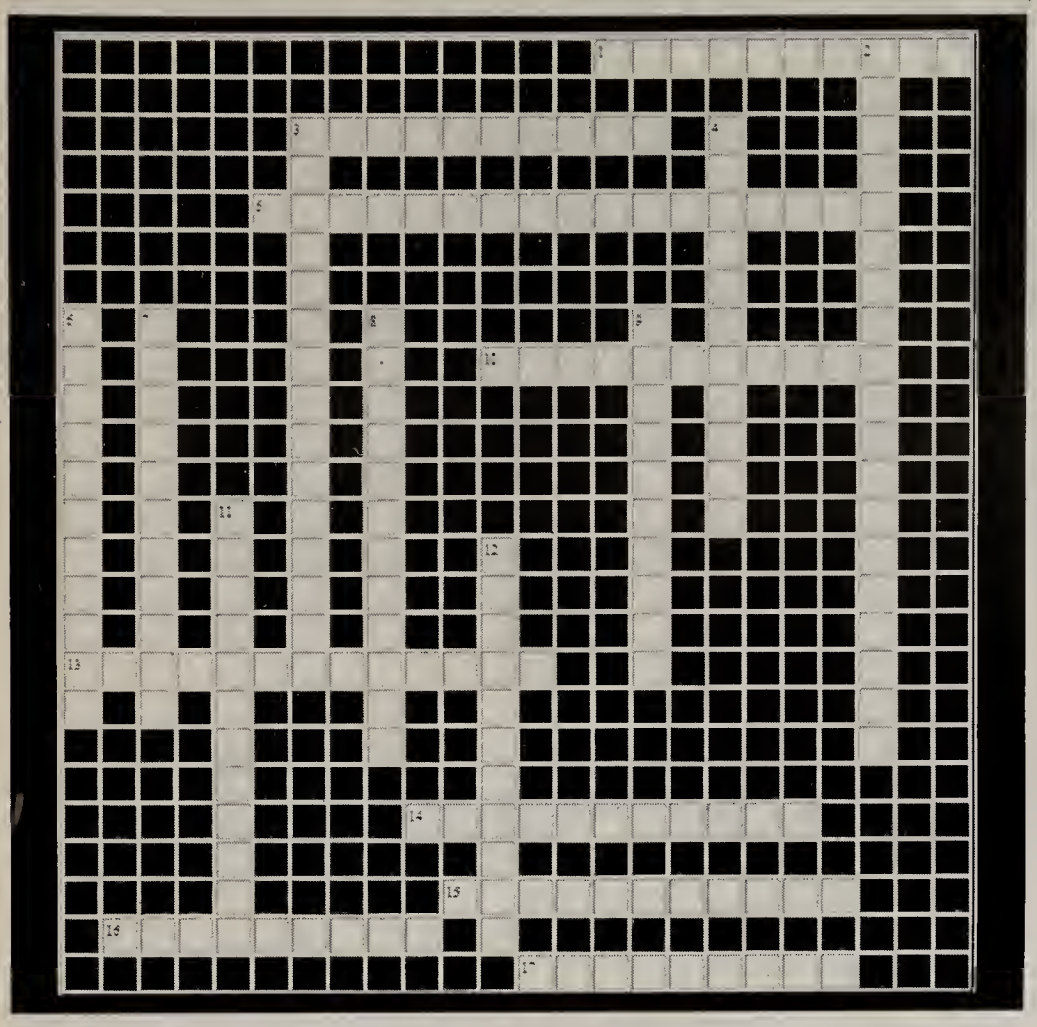

PUC faculty

Across

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3. She shares the same birthday a Gloria Roldan-Shieb
5. The Chronicle covered this political science professor's lawsuit
10. Secretary for the School of Technology recognized as an outstanding employee for 2006-07
13. Directed PUC's play "Steambath"
14. This history teacher wrote the book "Organization of Security Cooperation in Europe"
15. This "boss" likes to play racquetball
16. This former journalist is now sports information coordinator
17. The dean of the school of technology

Down

2. He teaches Principles of Logic on Tuesdays and Thursdays
3. Currently both the elementary and secondary education advisor
4. Used to work for The Times but now heads PR for PUC
6. He owns a PR firm and radio show "Rock-n-Roll radio"
7. The dean of the school of nursing
8. This grad student teaches English 104 and writes for The Chronicle
9. Helped "aliens" invade PUC
11. This professor invented the Democipation
12. Faculty advisor for SJC

Hammond Weather

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Theft
Under investigation

Colt Brennan for Heisman in 2007

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

University of Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan is well on his way to another career year. Brennan has thrown for over a thousand yards, has 12 touchdowns and no interceptions this year.

He is possibly one of the most underrated players and robbed last year of the Heisman Trophy.

Brennan led the NCCA last year in touchdowns with 63, a NCCA record. Yet he didn't win the Heisman Trophy. Brennan had the stats, but not the popularity of the winner, Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith.

Brennan was clearly the player of the year in 2006, but because his current team and the conference they played in, he was overlooked.

The Heisman should not be a popularity contest. Brennan better win it this year. I have no doubt he will slow down this year. He's going to put up record numbers again this year.

There's no denying the talent Brennan has. He is on pace to break his records from last year and will throw well over five thousand yards again.

Brennan *will be* a sure first-round draft pick. *I* know it's early to make such a bold prediction, but he has the potential to be a quality NFL quarterback.

Brennan has stiff competition this year for the Heisman, but his numbers surpass all. Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm is having a career year and can make a case for his Heisman consideration.

Brohm is the leader of his team and is showing off his skills so far this year, throwing over a thousand yards, 15 touchdowns and just three interceptions. The two straight losses to unranked teams can hurt Brohm. He has the stats over Brennan since Brennan sat out his last game.

Brenann's biggest competition might be Arkansas running back Darren McFadden.

Brennan

McFadden rushed for over 500 yards, but only has four touchdowns. McFadden will produce all year and he is showing no signs of slowing down.

Purdue wide receiver Dorien Bryant can be an early Heisman consideration. He is quarterback Curtis Painter's favorite target and Bryant is quietly compiling a great season.

Despite all other competition, Brennan is clearly a favorite for the Heisman. Brennan can easily play his way into the number one pick in the draft.

There is no doubt he will not be overlooked this year. Many scouts have their eyes on him already. Brennan will not disappoint this season and will put up record numbers again.

Look for him to be in the top five again for player of the year, see him to win this year.

Brennan is the top quarterback in the NCCA this year.

Kings of the underhand

Chronicle photo by Christine Bartley

Valerie Hauter, a senior in fitness management, tosses a bag during a game. Hauter teamed up with her father, PUC fitness member Dennis Hauter, in the third annual 2-on-2 Bean Bag Tournament in the gym.

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Assistant Sports Editor

As rap music blared through the ear buds worn by Vincent Manara, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, he helped his team win PUC's third annual bean bag tournament.

Both Manara and Roger Razo, a 1995 PUC alum, met for the first time prior the event and each showed enough skill during the game often played at tailgating and backyard barbeques.

"It feels good to win, I really haven't practiced at all," said Manara. "I normally just play at bars or in back yards."

The tournament, held last Tuesday, had 10 teams competing in half of PUC's gym for the coveted title as intramural bean bag champs.

The players were dressed from army fatigues to blouses, and there were family members competing together for a good time.

Manara, who recently started playing bags, threw an array of shots including strategic low line drives that knocked the other teams' bags off the board and a high floater that flew in the hole on numerous occasions.

Manara and Razo defeated the daughter-father combination in the final round of the tournament. Valerie Hauter, a senior fitness management major, paired with her father Dennis Hauter, a PUC fitness member.

"I play a lot of sports with him," said Valerie. "We haven't had a lot of practice together, but we had a good time."

It was a double elimination tournament with the typical scoring rules of three points for a bag in the hole and one point for a bag on the board while trying to get 21 points.

Bean bags, often referred to as "corn hole," is a sport that originated in the early '60s on the west side of Cincinnati.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik felt the tournament went well and was a success.

"It was a good time. There were some real competitive teams out there," said Dudzik.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE OR SO

Division III Sul Ross State University suited up a 59-year-old linebacker. And he was still better than everyone at Notre Dame. How bad is Notre Dame football? They've changed their name from The Fighting Irish to The Fighting French. Notre Dame is so bad that on Sunday, they held an emergency practice and lost.

Tiger Woods will take an extended break to spend time with his new daughter, who is already a better golfer than Michelle Wie.

The Phoenix Mercury won their first WNBA championship, by beating both WNBA teams that haven't yet folded. In an equally exciting story, I stubbed my toe earlier.

Major League Baseball hopes to have a blood test available next season that will catch players using human growth hormone. That sound you hear is Barry Bonds retiring. Bonds could conceivably pass the test – assuming it didn't work on cold-blooded players.

White Sox outfielder Jermaine Dye was spotted dining with Stevie Wonder and R. Kelly at a posh Chicago restaurant. Wonder was shocked, since he assumed that he was dining alone.

And a Florida Marlins season ticket holder was ejected at a home game for heckling the umpire too loudly. No word on yet what the Marlins will do to their other season ticket holder.

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Slammin' in the gym

Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Men's basketball junior center Kevin Thomas, secondary education-social studies major, slam dunks over his teammates during practice last Thursday in the gym.

Thomas was one of the eligible players after the sudden end of the 2006-2007 basketball season. Thomas missed the majority of the short season due to an injury he sustained to his ankle during a game in the Kettle Classic last November.

The men's season begins Nov. 1. with the annual Kettle Classic. The men will play 10 home games this year.

Cubs in final stretch for playoffs

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

With one week remaining in the season, the Cubs have a three and a half game lead over the Brewers after a three game sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Milwaukee Brewers' two losses to the Atlanta Braves.

The Cubs are in good shape to make their first playoff appearance since 2003 when they blew games six and seven against the Marlins.

The Cubs' magic number is down to four after their win and the Brewers' loss.

The Cubs now have six games remaining, all on the road with three against the Marlins and Reds. They need four wins to clinch the National League Central title and head to the playoffs regardless of what the Brewers do.

The Cubs are hot at the right time of the season, with 10 wins out of their last 12 games.

Alfonso Soriano has 12 home runs in the month of September, including his 30th and 31st of the season on Saturday against the Pirates. Soriano is hitting .462 with four home runs over the last week of play.

The pitching staff is doing well of late. Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez hit balls and drove runs when needed, with Lee hitting .440 over the last week. Manager Lou Pinella has his team playing with passion and belief.

Pinella believes his team can see the finish line right ahead of them, according to an interview on the Cubs website.

The Brewers lost two critical games against the Braves over the weekend. The Brewers led late in the game in both games.

Ace Ben Sheets missed his start on Sunday and isn't scheduled to start until Friday against the Padres. Those two potential wins would have kept the Brewers just a game and a half behind the Cubs.

With those losses, the Brewers have little room for error in their remaining seven games – three with the Cardinals and a four game home stand against the Padres who are in the hunt for a playoff spot as well.

The pressure is on the Brewers. They need some help from the Cubs' opponents and wins of their own.

The Cubs begin a three game series with the Marlins on Tuesday. The Marlins are tied for the third worst record in the major leagues.

The Cubs are 0-3 against the Marlins this year, being swept at Wrigley Field back in May.

The Cubs have Ted Lilly, Jason Marquis and Steve Trachsel in line to pitch against the Marlins. Lilly and Marquis suffered losses in the three game sweep in May.

Lilly is a different pitcher since then, being one of the more consistent pitchers for the Cubs this season.

The Cubs will end their season with a three game series against the Cincinnati Reds. The Cubs are 7-8 this season against the Reds and 3-3 at Great American Ballpark this season, where the Cubs will play the final weekend of the season.

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Alfonso Soriano (right) and the Cubs are headed into the final week of the season with a 3 1/2 game lead over the Milwaukee Brewers. The Cubs have six games remaining this season.

Lee recalls being in the playoffs in 2003 and recalls the feeling, according to an interview with ESPN.

Providing the Cubs hold onto their lead and make it to the playoffs, they will be looking at a match up with either the New York Mets or the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Cubs have the momentum going into the final week of the season.

The Cubs could potentialy finish the season with a 20 game win increase from last season, with their 69 wins last year.

The playoffs begin the first week of October with the divisional series.

The Cubs have not won a World Series title since 1908.

Sports this week

Club baseball

vs. South Suburban College
Date: Tuesday Sept. 25
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: South Suburban College

vs. Ancilla College
Date: Saturday Sept. 29
Time: 11 a.m. (DH)
Location: IUN

Intramural floor hockey

Date: Tuesday Sept. 25
Time: TBD
Location: REC Center

SPECIALTY CLASSES
Sept. 5 - Nov. 14
Faculty / Staff (Spouses & SSDP)
Students & Fitness Center Members
$10 per Specialty Class
(Non-member - cost $40 per Class)
Classes Offered

Yoga	Yoga	Tai Chi	Core Conditioning
Tuesday & Thursday 7am - 8am	Tuesday & Thursday 12pm - 1pm	Monday & Wednesday 12:10 - 12:50 Friday 7am - 8am	Tuesday & Thursday 5pm - 6pm

All payments made at the Fitness Center in the FRC building
For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 989-2175
www.calumet.purdue.edu/wellness

Pro Sports Notebooks

Giants' outfielder Barry-Bonds will not be re-signed by the Giants next season. This will end Bonds' 15 seasons with the Giants, leading to a possible retirement by Bonds.

The Boston Red Sox were the first team to clinch a playoff berth this season. Boston has yet to clinch the American League East.

The Washington Nationals played their final game at RFK stadium on Sunday. The Nationals' new stadium is set to open in 2008.

Phillies first basemen Ryan Howard struck out for a record tying 195th time Sunday. Howard ties the record set by Reds outfielder Adam Dunn in 2004.

The Indians clinched their first American League Central title since 2001. The Indians are the second team to clinch a playoff berth.

The New York Yankees moved within a game and a half of the first place Red Sox. The Yankees look to be on their way to their 11th straight playoff appearance.

Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Kevin Curtis tied an NFL record Sunday with 205 yards receiving in a first half. Curtis also caught three touchdown passes in the first half.

The Eagles defeated the Lions in a blowout, 56-21. Donovan McNabb threw four touchdowns and the win for the Eagles. Lions quarterback Jon Kitna threw for 446 yards despite the loss.

The Patriots rolled over the Buffalo Bills 38-7 to improve their record to 4-0. Randy Moss gained over 100 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns.

Bret Favre led the Packers to a 3-0 record, defeating the Chargers. Favre also tied Dan Marino for most passing touchdowns of all-time.

Louisville lost for the second straight week to an unranked opponent, Syracuse. Louisville lost 38-35, despite Brian Brohm's performance of 555 passing yards. Louisville is now 2-2 on the season.

No. 1 ranked USC put a beating on Washington State University, 47-14. USC quarterback John David Booty threw for four touchdowns in the win.

University of Michigan defeated Penn State 14-9. Penn State now lost to Michigan 9 straight times.

Notre Dame lost to Michigan State on Saturday. Michigan State won for the sixth time in a row at Notre Dame as the loss dropped Notre Dame to 0-4. It is the first time in school history they have started a season 0-4.

Georgia defeated Alabama in overtime. Georgia won on their first play in overtime after an Alabama field goal.

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell passed for 646 yards in a loss to Oregon State University.

Arkansas running back Michael Smith was arrested on felony charges over the weekend. Smith was charged with theft among other things.

The Dallas Mavericks signed guard Devin Harris to a five-year contract extension.

Clippers forward Elton Brand had his cast removed from his leg. This coming after six weeks with it on after surgery to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko is reportedly seeking a trade from the Jazz. He said he is unhappy playing under Head Coach Jerry Sloan and is willing to give up his contract to play overseas.

The two men charged with robbing New York Knicks center, Eddy Curry, pleaded not guilty last Thursday. They are being held on $5 million bond.

Hawaiian Punch prevail

Krystle Krucek
Chronicle Correspondent

Hawaiian Punch is on their way to another successful season after defeating the Butternuts, 21-14, 21-13 and 21-10 in week one of intramural volleyball.

Taking the number one spot in both the fall and spring semesters last year, they are the team everyone is aiming to beat. Hawaiian Punch (1-0) were upbeat winners in both semesters last year.

"We play really well as a team. I think that's why we won," said Amanda Dawson, a sophomore majoring in nursing. "Actually, I know that's why we won."

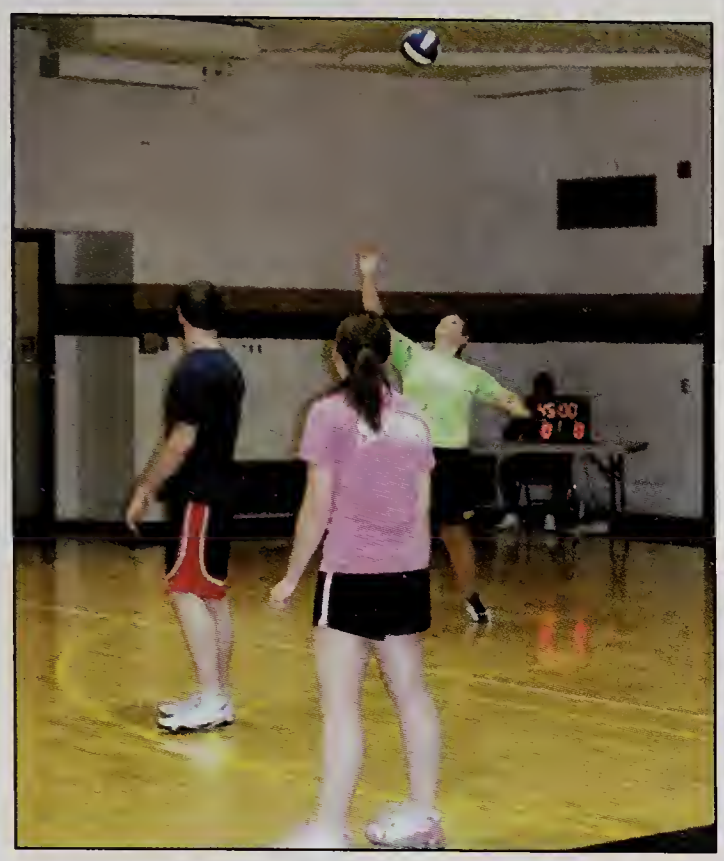
During their first match, Hawaiian Punch's Shari Warren, a sophomore majoring in biology, led her team with one ace and one kill.

The game was tied 13-13 late in the game. The Butternuts (0-1) only scored one additional point the rest of the match. The final score resulted in a 21-14 victory for Hawaiian Punch.

In their second match, the Butternuts fell behind once again with a final score of 21-13.

Brad Bingham, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, assisted his team to their second win of the night with two kills and two blocks.

In their final match, 21-10, Hawaiian Punch proved to be a competitive team. They had a team total of six aces and two kills for this match.



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Rachel Johnson, a first year nursing student of the Hawaiian Punches serves the ball as teammates look on.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik believes Hawaiian Punch has the right pieces to defend their title.

"They are a solid team. They have their key players back from last year and picked up some new talented players," said Dudzik.

The Butternuts Lauren Landini, a freshman majoring in communication, thought their team played well together, despite the loss.

"This [was] the first time we played together," she said.

Box Scores

Volleyball

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd
Did That Hurt? vs. Volley Von Spikers	21-17	16-21	21-16
Big Dogs vs. SOCO Spikers	21-5	21-5	21-15
The Swan vs. PUNS	21-16	21-23	21-14
Eurostars vs. PUC Spikers	21-17	21-12	21-16
Team Poofy vs. Bump, Set, Spike	21-10	21-18	21-15
Spiked Punch had the bye			

Volleyball Standings (Games)

North Conference Team	Win	Loss	PTS
Hawaiian Punch	3	0	2
Eurostars	3	0	2
Did That Hurt?	2	1	2
Volley Von Spikers	1	2	0
Butternuts	0	3	0
PUC Spikers	0	3	0
South Conference Team	**Win**	**Loss**	**PTS**
Big Dogs	3	0	2
Team Poofy	3	0	2
The Swan	2	1	2
PUNS	1	2	0
Bump, Set, Spike	0	3	0
SOCO Spikers	0	3	0
Spiked Punch	0	0	0

Volleyball Standings (Matches)

North Conference Team	Win	Loss
Hawaiian Punch	1	0
Eurostars	1	0
Did That Hurt?	1	0
Volley Von Spikers	0	1
Butternuts	0	1
PUC Spikers	0	1
South Conference Team	**Win**	**Loss**
Big Dogs	1	0
Team Poofy	1	0
The Swan	1	0
PUNS	0	1
Bump, Set, Spike	0	1
SOCO Spikers	0	1
Spiked Punch	0	0

Sofa King flawless in win

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Defending flag football, champions Sofa King continued their winning ways last Monday crushing newcomers Breakin the Law by a score of 49-0 in the first week of intramural flag football.

Sofa King set the tempo for the game during the first play, when Adam Anderson carried the ball into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game.

Sofa King never looked back, then dominated.

The defense allowed just one first down the whole game and allowed just five pass completions, and impressively picked off Breakin the Law quarterbacks a total of five times.

Sofa King posted a rare shutout, the first since The Untouchables did it last season.

"We did good for our first time out. I've played against these guys [Sofa King] the last few years, now we finally have combined to play together," said Matt Gonzalez, a senior majoring in organizational leadership and supervision.

Gonzalez finished the game as one of the top performers for his team with two touchdowns and intercepted Breakin the Law quarterbacks twice. One of his touchdowns was an interception return.

Anderson also finished the night with two touchdowns.

Breakin the Law players held their heads up high despite the crushing loss.

"It was tough to match up against the defending champs, but I had a lot of fun playing," said Matt Heritage, a freshman studying mechanical engineering.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik feels Sofa King has a good chance of repeating as champions for another year in a row.

"They looked good as usual. They played very solid and they looked like the team to beat," said Dudzik of Sofa King's dominating performance.

Sofa King looks to continue their run at defending the championship and look for a rare second consecutive next Monday night against the Bumble Bees, who lost to the Dead Heads by default.

Breakin the Law will try to win their first game against the Dead Heads, who won by default against the Bumble Bees.

Flag Football games are held every Monday and Wednesday night in the REC Center or the grassy area between Gyte and Lawshe Hall.

Flag Football

Sofa King			49
Breakin' the Law			0
Scoring by half	**1st**	**2nd**	**Tot**
Sofa King	28	21	49
Breakin' the Law	0	0	0
Sofa King [SK]			
First Downs			0
Pass att/comp/int	5	2	0
Rushes			1
Punts			0
Breakin' the Law [BL]			
First Downs			1
Pass att/comp/int	20	5	5
Rushes			1
Punts			1
Individual Scoring (Progression through time)		**SK**	**BL**
[SK] Adam Anderson - run		7	0
[SK] Matt Gonzalez - reception		14	0
[SK] A. Anderson - interception return		21	0
[SK] Corey Anderson - punt return		28	0
[SK] Dragan Trakovski - reception		35	0
[SK] Gonzalez - interception return		42	0
[SK] A. Anderson - reception (lateral from Gonzalez)		49	0
Week 1 Results			
Goon / Clock Work		56	14
Showstoppers / Off in Church		42	28
PUC Bears / Shake & Bake		49	35
Untouchables / VDT		42	35
Fantastik / Fourth 'n' One		56	7
Magnum / Crew		49	35
Dead Heads win by default vs. Bumble Bees			